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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: INDO-PAKISTAN RELATIONS

1. GOI AND GOP MAY BE ABOUT TO MAKE A BREAKTHROUGH ON THE LONG STYMIED CIVIL AIR ISSUE. ADDITIONAL FOREIGN SECRETARY SHAHNAWAZ TOLD US LAST NIGHT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED ENCOURAGING PHONE CALL FROM FOREIGN SECRETARY AGHA SHAHI IN NEW YORK TO THIS EFFECT. SHAHNAWAZ ADDED THAT FURTHER INDO-PAK TALKS WOULD TAKE PLACE IN NEW YORK THAT SAME AFTERNOON BEFORE KEWAL SINGH LEFT FOR NEW DELHI.

2. SHAHNAWAZ INDICATED THAT BASIS FOR BREAKTHROUGH WOULD BE WILLINGNESS OF GOP IN WAKE OF ITS UNSC ELECTION VICTORY TO MAKE CONCESSIONS WHICH WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POLITICALLY FEASIBLE FOR IT TO MAKE
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EARLIER. HE APPEARED HOPEFUL THAT CIVIL AIR

SETTLEMENT WOULD LEAD TO RESTORATION OF INDO-PAK
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

3. COMMENT: IT WILL BE IRONIC IF UNSC MEMBERSHIP BATTLE,
WHICH DURING ITS COURSE HELPED PRODUCE ATMOSPHERE
UNCONDUCTIVE TO ANY PROGRESS IN SIMLA PROCESS, SHOULD
IN THE END MAKE POSSIBLE THE VERY BREAKTHROUGH IT HAD
INHIBITED. WHETHER SUCH A CIVIL AIR BREAKTHROUGH
WILL IN TURN LEAD TO RESUMED RELATIONS APPEARS TO
REMAIN UP TO THE INDIANS, BUT GIVEN OPTIMISTIC PAK
ATTITUDES, AS REFLECTED IN BHUTTO'S STATEMENT TO THE
GOF (PARIS 27650) WHICH PM ALSO MADE PUBLICLY TO FRENCH
PRESS, AND EYANAWAZ' HOPEFUL TONE HERE, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT
THE PAKS HAVE HAD WORD FROM THE GOI THAT THIS IS NEXT LOGICAL
STEP.
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